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1. There are at present [March 1953] some eight privately owned and privately operated gins in Colombia, ranging from a 1-80 Platt at San Jose de Suaite, Santander, to three 4-80 Continentals in Barranquilla.
2. There is now one state-owned gin in Espinal, Tolima, and a brand new Cen-Tennial 4-80 is now enroute for installation there this year [1953].
3. There are some nine government-owned gins, operated by the Instituto, with two brand new Continental 4-80 plants now enroute for installation this year [1953].
4. In all, therefore, there will be, at year-end 1953, 21 operating gin plants in Colombia. Even so, Colombia will gin only 13,152 metric tons of fiber in 1953, while the domestic consumption within the country will be 30 thousand metric tons of fiber. Eventually, according to the official word of the Director of the Instituto, Colombia will more than double its cotton productions - and, consequently, its cotton ginnings - in order to supply its own needs.

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